**Doctors and paramedical staff in CGHS dispensaries**

2681. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of doctors and para-medical staff posted at various CGHS, dispensaries under South Zone, Delhi is sufficient to cope with the requirement; and

(b) if not, the details of the shortage, dispensary-wise and in what manner it is proposed to be sorted out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Adequate number of doctors, para-medical staff etc., are posted in the dispensaries including those of South Zone to cater to the needs of patients attending the dispensaries.

**Vacant posts in Delhi**

2682. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of allopathic nurses and ayurvedic and homoeopathic pharmacists lying vacant as on date in Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Central Employment Exchange has sponsored the names of candidates for the posts of allopathic nurses and ayurvedic and homoeopathic pharmacists in the month of May, 2007; and

(c) whether the interview for the said posts have been conducted and if so, the details thereof and the names of candidates selected and posted as on date in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Information relating to number of vacant posts of allopathic nurses, ayurvedic and homeopathic pharmacists in various Hospitals/Dispensaries in Delhi is not being maintained centrally. These posts are filled up by various authorities through a de-centralized process.

**Anaemia in children**

2683. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND AMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the recent National Family Health Survey has put the rate of anaemia in Indian children as high as 70 per cent; and

(b) whether his Ministry is contemplating any scheme for iron fortification in view of the high rate of malnutrition which is 46 per cent in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes Sir,

(b) (i) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has presently not included Iron fortification in the National programme, however under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH-II) Programme, the following interventions are being carried out to address the issue of Anaemia:

- To prevent and combat deficiencies of Iron and Folic Acid through Supplementation for all children starting from 6 months till the age of 60 months and Iron and Folic Acid Supplementation for preschool children.
- Emphasis on early exclusive breast feeding till the age of six months and complementary feeding from 6 months with continued breastfeeding till the age of 2 years under the Infant and Young Child Feeding programme.

(ii) To address the issue of malnutrition all children under 3 years of age are provided supplementary nutrition at Anganwadi centres throughout the country under the Integrated Child Development Services Scheme (ICDS) of the Department of Women and Child Development.

**Gynaecology and obstetrics hospitals in Delhi**

†2684. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gynaecology and obstetrics hospitals in Delhi;

(b) whether Government are aware of the fact that the gynaecology and obstetrics hospital, R.K. Puram does not have the facility of several major tests such as B.H.C.G., H.B., B.T., C.T., B.S.U.H.E., U.S., and due to this these tests are carried from outside which causes problems to the patients; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the actions Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Within the existing resources, R.K. Puram hospital is carrying out most of the required tests except for BHCG; BSUHE, etc. For tests which are not conducted in the hospitals, patients are permitted by the CGHS to get the same done from private diagnostic centres empanelled under CGHS, Delhi and claim reimbursement.

**Herbal medicine units**

2685. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of HEALTH FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) how many special herbal production and development centres have been set up in the country;

(b) how many of these are linked to the growing export market; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.